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1. SUMMARY: THE PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF LYUDMILLA ZHIVKOVA, DAUGHTER OF BULGARIA'S PRESIDENT AND CZARINA OF ITS CULTURAL AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES, COULD TURN FROM AN ASSET IN OUR RELATIONS TO A LIABILITY IF SHE IS NOT RECEIVED WITH APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION FOR HER RANK. THIS IS LARGELY A MATTER OF FORMALITY, AND THE "HOST" WOULDN'T HAVE TO DO VERY MUCH. SHE IS COMING TO NEW YORK IN ANY CASE IN JUNE, AND WILL PAY HER OWN WAY FROM, TO AND IN WASHINGTON. WE STILL HAVE TIME TO GET THINGS SET, PROVIDED WE ACT QUICKLY, BUT ARRANGEMENTS CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED FOR HER RECEPTION DO NOT SEEM ADEQUATE. END SUMMARY.

2. REFERENCES B THROUGH F ARE ONLY A SELECTION OF THE MANY MESSAGES IN WHICH WE AND DEPT HAVE DISCUSSED TAKING ADVANTAGE OF LYUDMILLA ZHIVKOVA'S JUNE VISIT TO NEW YORK (TO OPEN THRACIAN EXHI) TO OFFICIALLY INVITE HER TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND OTHER AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTERS. IN REF E IN PARTICULAR, DEPT AGREED THAT "WE SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
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HER FIRST VISIT TO US TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE PROGRAM OF CULTURAL AND OTHER VISITS." IN THAT SAME MESSAGE, DEPT STATED IT MIGHT NOT BE BEST POLICY TO INCLUDE HER UNDER THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM WHICH IS NOT DESIGNED FOR MINISTERS," AND DEPT SHOWED ITSELF FULLY SENSITIVE TO PROTOCOL PROBLEMS STEMMING FROM HER RANK AND RELATIONSHIP TO CHIEF OF STATE.

3. REF A, ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEMS TO IMPLY THAT WE MIGHT GET BY WITH TREATING HER AS AN INTERNATIONAL VISITOR RATHER THAN A SPECIAL GUEST AND THAT, IN PARTICULAR, THE ESSENTIAL PROBLEM OF LINING UP A NOMINAL HOST OF SUITABLE RANK FOR HER WASHINGTON VISIT HAS STILL NOT BEEN RESOLVED. INDEED, SUGGESTION THAT INVITATION MIGHT COME FROM AMBASSADOR -- THE FORM WE USE FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM -- WOULD PUT THE VISIT BACK PRECISELY WHERE DEPT, IN REF E, AGREED IT SHOULD NOT BE. BESIDES, THE AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY LONG AGO "INVITED" HER TO CONSIDER COMING TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK; SHE IS AWAITING THE REAL INVITATION.

4. WE MUST AGAIN STRESS, AS WE DID IN REFS B AND C, THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOLVING THIS QUESTION AND DOING SO AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. THE OFFICIAL HOST DOESN'T HAVE TO DO MORE THAN A BARE MINIMUM, BUT HE OR SHE MUST BE OF APPROPRIATE RANK. THRACIAN EXHIBIT IS DUE TO OPEN JUNE 11, JUST TWO MONTHS FROM NOW. PLANNING MUST TAKE PLACE WITHIN NEXT WEEK OR TWO. WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE SECRETARY CALIFANO CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE HOST. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD SOLUTION. WE BELIEVE THAT AS HOST, HIS DUTIES COULD BE LIMITED TO SIGNING THE OFFICIAL LETTER OF INVITATION, ALLOWING HER TO PAY A COURTESY CALL AT HIS OFFICE, AND HOSTING A DINNER-- ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY MORE COULD BE DONE IF SECRETARY CALIFANO WISHED. IF CALIFANO IS NOT AVAILABLE, BELIEVE THAT CHAIRMAN OF NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES WOULD ALSO BE QUITE APPROPRIATE.

5. WHILE WE WOULD CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE MEETING WITH BOORSTIN
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AT LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, PARTICULARLY IF LOC WILL HOLD BULGARIAN "INCUNABULA" EXHIBIT WHICH BOORSTIN DISCUSSED WHILE IN SOFIA, IN TERMS OF RANK HE WOULD NOT BE A SUITABLE HOST. HIS OPPOSITE NUMBER IS DIRECTOR OF THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY, MRS. KONSTANTINKA KALADZHIEVA, WHO VISITED US LAST NOVEMBER. WITHOUT WISHING TO BE ALARMIST, WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THERE EXISTS POTENTIAL FOR A NEEDLESSLY EMBARRASSING INCIDENT IF MRS. ZHIVKOVA WERE TO DECLINE THE INVITATION TO COME TO WASHINGTON FROM NEW YORK BECAUSE OF THE MANNER IN WHICH WE HAD "INVITED" HER WITHOUT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT HER STATUS IN THE POWER STRUCTURE OF HER COUNTRY.
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